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SUBJ: ANSAR REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA

REF: KHARTOUM 2063

1. EMB QUERIED SUDANESE EMBOFF CONCERNING ANSAR REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA. SUDANESE STATED THAT UNHCR AND ETHIOPIAN GOVT HAD PREVIOUSLY (EARLY '70'S) ESTIMATED THAT SOME 5,000 ANSAR REFUGEES WERE IN ETHIOPIA, MOSTLY AROUND THE TOWN OF METEMA. REFUGEES WERE NEVER OFFICIALLY REGISTERED, HOWEVER. FOLLOWING ADDIS ABABA AGREEMENT WHICH SETTLED SUDANESE CIVIL WAR, MOST OF THE REFUGEES RETURNED TO SUDAN UNDER GOVT AMNESTY. SUDANESE EMBOFF ESTIMATED THAT APPROX 500 WEST AFRICAN (NON-SUDANESE) ANSAR REFUGEES REMAINED IN THE METEMA AREA.

2. OUR INFORMANT INDICATED THAT REFUGEES ARE BEING SUPPORTED BY BOTH UNHCR AND LIBYAN FUNDS. UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, THE LEADERS OF THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY RECEIVED THE FUNDS AND SPENT THEM ON HIGH LIVING IN ADDIS, INCLUDING MAINTAINING
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ROOMS AT TOURIST CLASS GHION HOTEL, WHILE THE REMAINDER OF REFUGEES ARE DESTITUTE. WHEN QUERIED AS TO CHANNELS

FOR LIBYAN ASSISTANCE, HE STATED THAT FUNDS ARRIVE IN ADDIS
VIA BANK DRAFT IN THE NAMES OF LEADERS OF THE ANSAR REFUGEES.
SUDANESE EMBOFF DID NOT THINK ETHIOPIAN GOVT WAS PROVIDING
SUPPORT TO REFUGEES.

3. EMB HAS NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE INFO.
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